

their emotional well-being, interactions with others, and general demeanor;

Whereas a group of teenagers participating in a leadership forum at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, identified a lack of encouragement as one of the greatest problems facing young people today;

Whereas the youth of the United States need guidance, inspiration, and reassurance to counteract this negativity and to develop the qualities of character essential for future leadership in the United States;

Whereas a National Day of Encouragement would serve as a reminder to counterbalance and overcome negative influences, and would also provide much-needed encouragement and support to others;

Whereas, following the events of September 11, 2001, thousands of people made sacrifices in order to bring help and healing to the victims and their families, inspiring and encouraging the people of the United States; and

Whereas the renewed feelings of unity, hope, selflessness, and encouragement that began on September 12, 2001, are the same feelings that the National Day of Encouragement is meant to recapture and spread: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 12, 2011, as “National Day of Encouragement”;

(2) acknowledges the importance of encouragement and positive influences in the lives of all people; and

(3) urges the people of the United States to encourage others, whether through an act of service, a thoughtful letter, or words of kindness and inspiration, and by that encouragement to boost the morale of all people of the United States.

S. RES. 265

Honoring the lifetime achievements of E. Thom Rumberger

Whereas E. Thom Rumberger served in the United States Marine Corps;

Whereas Thom Rumberger earned a bachelor's degree, with honors, and a J.D. from the University of Florida;

Whereas Thom Rumberger was a founding partner of the law firm Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, which has represented multinational corporations such as American Airlines, Inc., Sears, Roebuck and Co., and Toyota Motor Corporation;

Whereas Thom Rumberger was listed in Florida Super Lawyers every year from 2007 to 2010;

Whereas Thom Rumberger was appointed Circuit Judge in the 18th Judicial Circuit of Florida in 1969;

Whereas Thom Rumberger committed himself to numerous acts of public service, including serving on the Federal Judicial Advisory Commission of Florida and the Board of Supervisors of the Spaceport Florida Authority;

Whereas Thom Rumberger was one of the most steadfast champions of the Everglades in Florida;

Whereas Thom Rumberger served as lead counsel for the Everglades Foundation since 1999;

Whereas Thom Rumberger was instrumental in the passage of 2 amendments to the Florida Constitution and of section 601 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-541; 114 Stat. 2680), known as the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan;

Whereas Thom Rumberger was instrumental in obtaining several billion dollars in funding for Everglades restoration; and

Whereas Thom Rumberger served on the Florida Governor's 2001 Select Task Force on Elections and the 2002 Select Task Force on Election Procedures, Standards and Technology, and was Chairman of the Legislature's Study Committee on Public Records in 2002: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and honors the professional success of E. Thom Rumberger; and

(2) recognizes and honors the lifelong dedication of Thom Rumberger to the protection of the Florida Everglades.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1549, H.R. 2832, AND H.R. 2887

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I understand there are three bills at the desk. I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will report the bills by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1549) to provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs.

A bill (H.R. 2832) to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 2887) to provide an extension of Surface and Air Transportation Programs, and for other purposes.

Mr. DURBIN. I now ask for a second reading en bloc, and I object to my own request en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will have their second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 14; that following the pray-

er and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final half; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.J. Res. 66, a joint resolution regarding Burma sanctions and the legislative vehicle for additional FEMA funds postclosure; finally, that all time during adjournment, morning business, and recess count postclosure on the motion to proceed to H.J. Res. 66.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, we expect to begin the consideration of H.J. Res. 66 during Wednesday's session. We also hope to consider the FAA and highway extensions which were received from the House.

Senators will be notified when votes are scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:50 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate September 13, 2011:

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MARA E. RUDMAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.